

BIG CHANGES, NEW TACTICS:

Mental Health Lawyering after Commitment Law Reform

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b. Civil Commitment Reform Enacted/Outline of Statutory Revisions

c. October 24, 2000 Memo from Stan Goldman re: Procedure for the Assignment of Counsel

d. CPCS Notice to Persons Admitted Involuntarily under G.L.c.123, §12(b) re: Right to Counsel

- e. November 1, 2000 Memo from Stan Goldman re: St.2000, c.249 – Implementation Update
- f. November 9, 2000 Memo from Stan Goldman re: Commitment and Admission Assignment Schedules
- g. September 1, 2000 Memo from Chief Justice Zoll re: Changes in Mental Health Laws
- h. November 3, 2000 Memo from Chief Justice Zoll re: New Requirements for "Emergency Hearings" following Mental Health Involuntary Admissions under G.L.s.123, §12(b) and Interim Recommended Procedures for Emergency Hearings on Involuntary Admissions under G.L.c.123, §12(b)
- i. November 7, 2000 Memo from Chief Justice Zoll re: Implementation of Statutory Changes in Mental Health Involuntary Commitment Procedures
- j. October 16, 2000 Directive from Marylou Sudders re: Use of New DMH Civil Commitment Forms (forms included)

AFTERNOON SESSION:

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3. INTERVIEWING

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